Modernisation of fisheries sector

404. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of AGRICUTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that fisheries sector has vast potential in our country;

(b) if so, the action plan of Government to modernize this industry with a view to fully exploit its potential; and

(c) what is the action plan of Government to develop this industry in the State of Orissa to improve its economy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government of India implements various Centrally Sponsored Schemes for the development of Inland and Marine fisheries in the country.

Government has set up Coastal Aquaculture Authority to regulate and develop aquaculture in coastal areas and a National Fisheries Development Board for overall development of fisheries sector across the country including the state of Orissa.

ICAR agreement with ICRISAT for dry land research

405. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ICAR had signed a three year agreement with ICRISAT for farm research in dry land;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the pact with the ICRISAT will benefit dry land farmers by improving productivity; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?